

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
APRIL 3, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Wilda Pounds.

There First came before the Board, the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 minutes;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To approve Jana Lindsey attending the Spring Session for Clerks, Collectors, and Deputies in Oxford, Mississippi on May 3 and May 4, 2012 at the costs of \$75.00;
- (4) To accept Ronda Todd's training certificate, as part of the official minutes of the Board meeting.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Trudy Featherson with the Main Street Association. Trudy reported on the upcoming events of Main Street. She reported on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. She reported that the Miss Hospitality Pageant was a success. She also reported on the upcoming Heritage Day.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint an ex-officio member to the Main Street Board. This would be a non-voting member. Alderman Williams made a motion that the Board members alternate on a monthly basis, being the ex-officio member. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve a second cash drawer for the Tax Collector, in the amount of \$50.00. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion

unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of bids for the home grant.

For environmental inspections, Metro of Jackson, Mississippi bid \$1,300.00 for complete home inspections, per home. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the bid from Environmental Marketing from Jackson, Mississippi on the asbestos inspection, at the costs of \$425.00 per home, was received as the low bid. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept said bid, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the bids for legal services. Gene Gifford placed the only bid for legal services at the costs of \$650.00 per home. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept said bid, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve hiring summer workers at the City Park at the rate of \$7.50 per hour. The following people were recommended to be hired at that rate: Bo Brown, Chris Penrose, Tyrec Miller, Adam Nichols, Hunter Walton, Tanner Burrese, Wesley Rowan. Roberto Grizzard and Roosevelt Combs were recommended as part time employees at \$8.00 per hour, to start immediately. Coach Willie Jackson was recommended at the rate of \$8.65 per hour. Alderman McCoy made said motion to hire those recommended, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the estimate for \$30,000.00, for the Sandy Fisher Sewer Project, with the Board approving Sandy Fisher obtaining a letter of credit and the Board accepting that letter of credit once obtained. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to accept Tidwell & Associates Construction, as the lowest bidder to complete the Sandy Fisher Sewer Project in the amount of \$34,093.40, conditioned upon Sandy Fisher obtaining the letter of credit. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Frank Wright sewer project, on Sportsman Club Road, at the costs of \$5,300.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve said project, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the Planning Committee's rejection to Bill White's re-zoning request on 9th Street. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, then the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of four (4) for and one (1) against, the motion to ratify the Planning Committee's rejection carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the MDA Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the handicap accessible sidewalks. This would be a 50/50 match grant, and the City could match the \$20,000.00 with in kind services. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve drainage culverts being installed in the Starling Creek subdivision. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to have the officers measured bullet proof vests and for him to purchase the same. He reported that the sum of \$8,142.00 had been raised to date, and with that money and the grant money, every officer should be able to be outfitted. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to accept the resignation of Eric Lambert. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post on an emergency basis, for the position that would be left vacant by Eric Lambert's resignation. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the application of Acco Brands, USA request for freeport warehouse license. Alderman McCoy made said motion to approve the application, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to accept the application by General Binding Corporation for ad valorem tax exemption. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker requested that this matter be

tabled, until a position statement was obtained by GBC, from the tax assessor's office. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the Board Report. The Board reported the following:

(1) Alderman Pounds thanked Mike Foradori, Jr. for the Easter Egg Hunt that was going to be held at the Eastside Park;

(2) Alderman Harold Eaton requested that we begin thinking about re-stripping the parking areas downtown. The areas could not be seen very clearly.

(3) Alderman McCoy made a motion to go into closed session to determine if executive session was needed, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to come back into open session, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to promote Brent Mauney back to his position as Park Director, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Hale Aust and Greg Beard requesting the Board to pass a resolution as a member of the Northeast Mississippi Regional Solid Waste Authority, that would reflect certain amendments. Said amendments to the by-laws of the Northeast Mississippi Regional Solid Waste Authority; were as follows:

(1) One man one vote;

(2) To divide the proceeds received according to the amount of waste contributed to each

member;

- (3) To require Tippah County to pay one-half (½) tipping fees.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve said resolution and to pass the amendments, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Alderman McCoy made a motion as an emergency, to remove the swimming pool located at 200 Foster Park, as well as the surrounding deck. That a concerned citizen had reported that minor children had been seen in the pool, unsupervised and it was in an unsafe condition. Citing public hazards, safety and health risk, especially children potentially drowning, Alderman McCoy made the motion to remove the pool and the surrounding deck. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

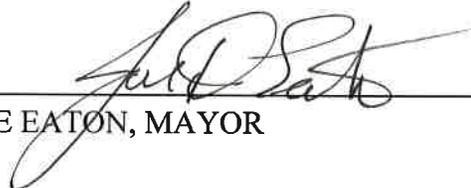
Next, City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker, reported that a new system needed to be implemented for clean up of properties. He recommended that the Alderman or Mayor, complete a form giving the address of the property in need of clean up and give that form to Ronnie Johnson. Ronnie Johnson would then investigate the property, and give a ten (10) days verbal warning to clean the property up, if he deemed it necessary. If the property was not cleaned up after ten (10) days, the property owner would get a ten (10) day warning letter from Ronnie Johnson, outlining the potential penalties, if they did not clean the property up. After that ten (10) day letter, Ronnie Johnson would notify Attorney Tucker, who would place it on the next agenda and request the Board to schedule a hearing to determine if the City needed to intervene and clean the property. A detailed checklist on each property would be kept in a book set up by Amanda Bland, where each property would have its own sheet and checklist showing what had been done to the property and at what times.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve this system, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Eaton requested that the Board approve a resolution supporting the Highway 9 Extension Project at Blue Springs. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold

Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK